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1.

THE EPISCOPAL COMMITTEE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WANTED TO GO ON RECORD AS OBJECTING TO THE PUBLISHED FINDINGS OF INSPECTION VISITS TO THE DETENTION CENTERS, AND PARTICULARLY TO THE INTERROGATION CENTER OF VILLA GRIMALDI.

THE CHURCH HAD COMPILED DECLARATIONS OF PRISONERS

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WHO WERE TORTURED AT VILLA GRIMALDI BY OFFICIALS OF THE  
DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA).

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2.

HE HAD FOUND EVIDENCE THAT MISTREATMENT AND ABUSES HAD  
TAKEN PLACE, HE WOULD NOT TAKE THE MATTER TO THE PUBLIC,  
VIA THE NEWS MEDIA, IN ORDER TO  
INFLUENCE THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE MORE RAPID CORRECTIVE ACTION.

WOULD USE EVERY RESOURCE  
AVAILABLE TO HIM IN THE CHILEAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO BRING  
ABOUT CORRECTIONS OF ABUSE OF POWER BY THE SECURITY FORCES;  
BUT, HE WOULD WORK WITHIN THE SYSTEM TO ERADICATE SUCH  
EXCESSES.

3.

WHEN HE VISITED VILLA  
GRIMALDI, HE FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ABUSES, NOR EQUIPMENT OR  
FACILITIES FOR SUCH ACTIVITY.

DINA MAY HAVE CEASED ITS MISTREATMENT OF DETAINEES AT  
THAT CENTER, INVESTIGATION SHOULD GO BACK INTO  
THE PAST, NOW HAVE EVIDENCE THAT  
DETAINEES ARE BEING HELD IN TWO SEPARATE INSTALLATIONS  
AGAINST PROVISIONS OF DECREE LAW 187 (WHICH ESTABLISHED THE

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RECOGNIZED DETENTION CENTERS). THEY ADDED THAT ONE OF THE CENTERS IS LOCATED NEAR THE GERMAN "COLONY" OF "LA DIGNIDAD" IN PARRAL, LINARES PROVINCE, AND THE OTHER IS AN AIR FORCE BASE AT COLINA (NORTH OF SANTIAGO). [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] WILLINGNESS TO INVESTIGATE ALL REPORTS, BUT HE ADDED THAT IT WAS HIS DUTY TO PREVENT AN OVER-REACTION TO ALLEGED ABUSES. HE SAID THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE GIVEN THE CHURCH CAMPAIGN IN EUROPE AGAINST PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET. [REDACTED] COMMENT:

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5. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE "LA DIGNIDAD COLONY" IS A  
SMALL AND INTRIGUING PRIVATE COMMUNITY, WHICH WAS FOUNDED  
AFTER WORLD WAR II BY GERMAN IMMIGRANTS, ALLEGEDLY MEMBERS  
OF THE NAZI PARTY. ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT LEADERS OF  
THE COLONY IS FRANZ P F E I F F E R, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

THIS IS PRESUMABLY FRANK REIFFER RICHTER, COMMANDER OF THE CHILEAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY, WHICH IS THE NAZI PARTY OF CHILE. [REDACTED]

ATTEMPTED TO VISIT THE FENCED-IN COLONY DURING A VACATION TRIP IN THE AREA WITH A CHILEAN NAVY OFFICER. THEY WERE NOT PERMITTED ACCESS BEYOND THE GUARDHOUSE RECEPTION AREA, AND WERE REQUESTED TO WAIT FOR AN INTERVIEW BY A DINA ARMY MAJOR, WHO WAS DISPATCHED TO THE COLONY FROM THE NEARBY TOWN OF PARRAL. WITHIN HOURS FOLLOWING THE INTERVIEW, DINA'S DIRECTOR, COLONEL MANUEL CORTES RAS, CALLED THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE CHILEAN NAVY TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE VISITORS' INTEREST IN THE COLONY. NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN. IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE COLONY IS NOT LISTED ON ANY OFFICIAL MAP OF CHILE. [REDACTED]

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